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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant hereby requests continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995.

This request is being submitted after the filing of a Notice of Appeal and thus is to be considered as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution.

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Enclosed is a reply that is responsive to the final Office action mailed on July 20, 2006, a check for \$395.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for this Request for Continued Examination, a Terminal Disclaimer, a check for \$65.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d), a Petition for the Extension of Time and a check for \$225.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (a).

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